

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man; and,

Whereas, Arnie Lusch has generously given of his time and talents to serve as a volunteer on numerous community and state boards and organizations in order to enhance family life and make a difference in the communities he has resided; and,

Whereas, In 1985, Arnie began a program in conjunction with the Salvation Army to fix bicycles for children of needy families, and continued to keep that program alive for 10 years; and,

Whereas, At the age of 48, Arnie set out to learn the techniques of karate, in spite of being born with a birth defect in both of his feet which could have prevented him from ever walking, and to achieve the level of black belt at the age of 53; and,

Whereas, Arnie opened a karate club and instructed shotokan karate for 18 years as a member of the American Shotokan Karate Federation (ASKF) in order to teach people of all ages, color, religion, and sex how to get along without conflict; and,

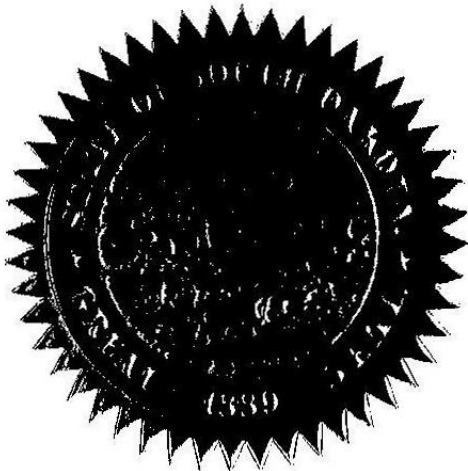
Whereas, In 2001, Arnie started the Hartford Karate Club for senior ladies, reaching a milestone on December 7, 2007, with three of its members receiving their black belts from the ASKF national director, Richard Gould; and,

Whereas, Arnie and his wife, Mary Lou, currently reside at Hartford, South Dakota, where Arnie will be honored for his many contributions to the community at an American Shotokan Karate Federation banquet on November 21, 2009;

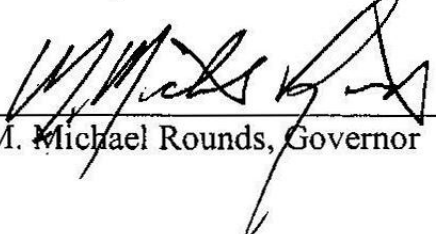
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 21, 2009, as

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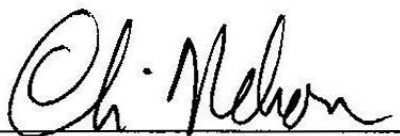
in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State